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STATE SENATOR

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**Statement from Senator Buckingham on Senate Bill 1**

Today the Senate passed Senate Bill 1 by a unanimous 31-0 vote. I was proud to vote for a budget that funds the essential needs of Texas within the revenues we have available according to the state comptroller.

It was said on the Senate floor that this is a lean budget, but it is not a mean budget. It is a smart budget that responsibly meets the needs of our state. And it preserves principles of fiscal responsibility that have made the Texas economy strong and able to weather downturns in the national economy.

The Senate's budget increases total state spending by just one and one-half percent. This is well under an 8 percent estimate for population growth times inflation over the next two years.

Senate Bill 1 fully funds the existing formulas for public education, including projected enrollment growth over the next two years. It also maintains our commitment to securing our border until we can pass the baton to our federal partners.

In addition, it is important to point out two things this budget does not do. It does not raise taxes. And it does not spend any money from the Rainy Day Fund.

Over the next several weeks, the Senate and the House will work together to craft a final budget to serve the needs of our state over the next two years.

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